JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING MEASURES TO INCREASE SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCESS TO INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SAFETY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/12/18.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to new information or technical issues
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to amendment adopted after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.003	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$5,000,000 cash funds from the School Access for Emergency Response Grant Program Cash Fund to the Department of Public Safety for use by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. This clause includes a technical error related to a statutory citation and directs funding to a division rather than a specific office.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.003 Staff has prepared amendment **J.003** (attached) to correct a technical error in the appropriation clause that references an incorrect statutory citation for the School Access for Emergency Response Grant Program Cash Fund and to more specifically direct funding to the Office of Preparedness within the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. This amendment does not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The bill requires a total of \$30.0 million to be transferred from the State Public School Fund to a newly created cash fund over the next six fiscal years. The State Public School Fund is one of two cash funds that is annually appropriated for the State's obligation under the School Finance Act; the remainder is appropriated from the General Fund. By reducing funding available in the State Public School Fund by \$30.0 million, this bill increases by \$30.0 million the General Fund share of the State's obligation under the School Finance Act.